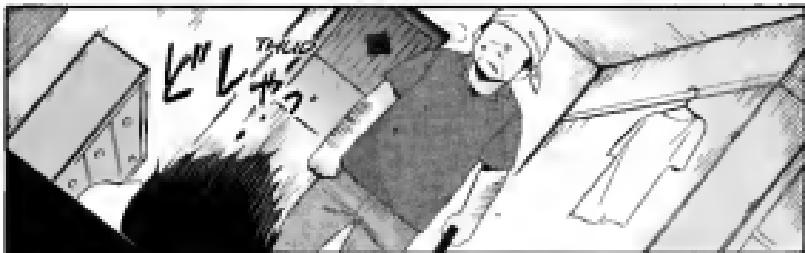
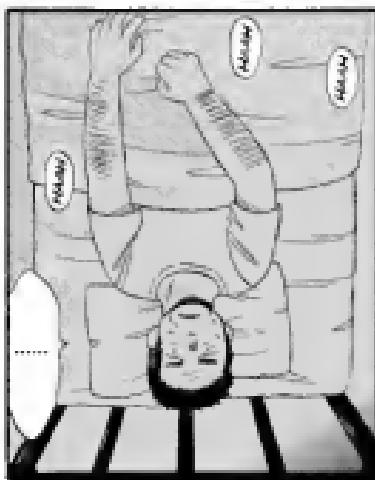


Chapter 12 The Boy

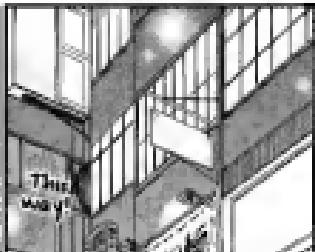






Sign-Free Introductions









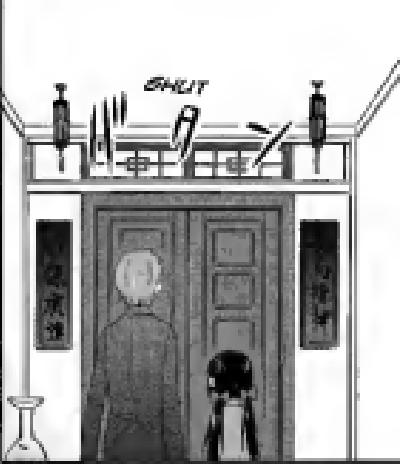
BUT THEY PURPOSELY LEFT CHAN ALIVE TO TELL US ABOUT IT!

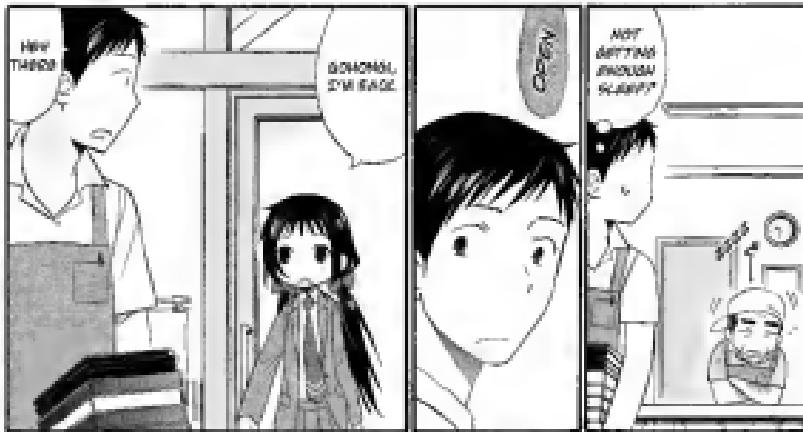


ONLY PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH DRUGS HAVE BEEN KILLED. THIS IS PROBABLY THE WORK OF A FACTION SEPARATE FROM SHIMMEN'S. SHIMMEN'S DROVE THE ONE THAT'S OUT TO GET YOU GUYS.



WE'RE GATHERING INFORMATION, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW.





IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS









WHO
KILLED
TSUKASA.

I'M STILL
ASSOCIATING
WITH
THE VERY
PERSON

NO MATTER
HOW YOU
LOOK AT IT, I
DON'T HAVE
THE RIGHT TO
SEE RITSU
ANYMORE.



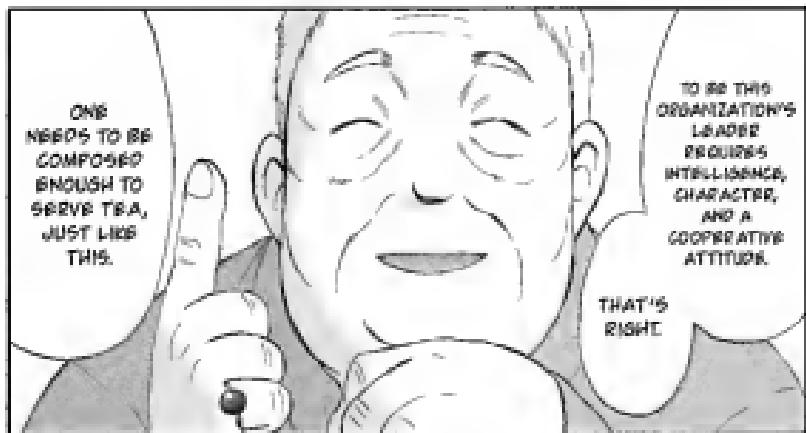
THAT'S
WHY YOU
GET SO
WORKED
UP

THAT YOU
ALL THINK SO
FONDLY OF
DRAGON'S
BBARD

I'M
VERY
HAPPY















THE
FIELDS ARE
CONTROLLED
BY
DRAGON'S
BEARD.

BUT
TWO
YEARS
AGO,

...THE
ISLAND
I'M FROM...
SAIJI
ISLAND...
IT'S A
SMALL AND
VERY POOR
ISLAND.

DRAGON'S
BEARD GOT
BACK ITS OWN
BY KIDNAPPING
THE CHILDREN
ON THE
ISLAND.

THEY FOUND
OUT THAT A
HIGH-RANKING
PERSON ON THE
ISLAND WAS
SECRETLY
MAKING DEALS
WITH LOVELY
HOMETOWN.

AND WHEN I
TRIED TO
ESCAPE FROM THERE,
I CAME
ACROSS HAKUMO-
SENSEI...

BUT THE
PLACE I
WAS
TAKEN TO
WAS A
BROTHEL.

I WAS
AMONG THE
CHILDREN
THAT GOT
ON THE
BOAT AND
CAME TO
THIS TOWN.

THEY DIDN'T
DO IT IN A
VIOLENT WAY.
THEY TOLD
US THAT WE
COULD WORK
AND SEND
BACK MONEY
TO OUR
FAMILIES.









